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**MS PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of Provisional Application No(s). 60/439,024 filed on January 10, 2003.

Inventor(s): Matthew J. MORIN

For: SKI SLED WITH BOOT BLOCKS AND RIDER-OPERATED WEIGHT TRANSFER DEVICE FOR STEERING

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of seventeen (17) pages
- ☒ Eleven (11) sheet(s) of informal drawings
- ☐ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). filed in on .
  - ☐ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
  - ☐ Certified copy(ies) will follow.
- ☒ Executed Declaration (☒ Original ☐ Photocopy)
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- ☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
- ☐ Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
- ☐ Other:
- ☒ Provisional application filed in English:  
☒ YES ☐ NO

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